Lewest rates for best service

INCOLN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE District of Columbia. The quarterly dividend of two (2) per cent will be paid on the capital stock of this company JULY 15, 1897. Books for transfer of stock will be closed from Saturday, July 10, to Thursday, July 15, both days inclusive.

E. N. WATERS, 198-2t

Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL be a meeting of the shareholders of the NATION AL BANK OF THE RELUBLIC of Washington, to be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1897, at 10 clock p.m., at their banking house, 7th and Dists, n.w., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the voluntary liquidation of said bank jys-ti, thus CHAS, S. BRADLEY, Cashler. THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART will be closed from July 17 to September 20. July 11 will be the last Sunday it will be open to visitors this season. By order, jys-3t

F. S. BARBARIN, Curator.

JSS-3H F. S. BARBARIN, Curator.

TIMES ARE LOOKING UP:

Lots of building going on in and ground Washington, which proves that times are getting better. Even if such is the case that's no reason why you shouldn't save on your Lumber and Wood Work. We're able to discount others' prices considerably! Estimates furnished.

THOS. W. SMITII, 1st and Ind. ave. Thone 217.

Mill and Wharves, foot 4th st. s.g. Thone 551.

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A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF

ten (10) per cent per annum has been declared upon the capital stock of THE CHARLES SCHNEILER BAKING COMPANY, payable on and after July 15, 1897. The transfer books of the company will be closed from July 9 to July 15, 1897. FRANK M. FIROR, Treasurer. CHARLES SCHNEIDER, President. jy7-8t

THE WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY DIVI-dend No. 41.—The usual July dividend of 35 cents a share to stockholders of this company of rec-ord June 30, 1897, has been declared, payable at the office in Center market on and after JULY 6 Instant. S. W. CURRIDEN, Secretary, Washington, D. C., July 1, 1897. jy35t SPIRITUALISM-MRS. EFFIE MeNEIL, CLAIR voyant, business and test medium, 1914 Penne 1914 (1914) Je26-12t DURING JULY AND AUGUST OUR STORE WILL

be closed at 5 p.m. during the week and at 3 p.m. on SaTURDAYS. Sanders & Stayman,

LEADING PIANOS, ORGANS AND MUSIC,
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127 THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF
the National Union Ins. Co. of Washington will
be held at the office of the company MONDAY,
July 12, 1807. Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock
p.m. NOBLE D. LARNER, Sec. 172-8t WARNING:-IT HAVING COME TO MY NOTICE WARNING:-IT HAVING COME TO MY NOTICE that certain parties are using the name of the French Steam Laundry I hereby notify all percents that I have purchased the right and good will of the French Steam Laundry, main office, 1217 7th st. n.w., with brarches at 8th and I sec., 509 F st. n.w., 527 7th st. s.w., 607 12th st. n.w., 903 9th st. n.w., 2824 Pa. avc. n.w., 21549 Pa. avc. n.w. and cother branches called French are imposters and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for using the mame French. WM. N. PECK, Preprietor.

Preprietor. (y1-2w*)

OFFICE METROPOLITAN RAHLROAD CO.,

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of nine directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company, 14th and East Capitol sts., on WEDNESDAY, July 14, 1897.

The polis will be opened from 2 to 4 o'clock p.m.

G. B. COLEMAN, Secretary. (y1-9t)

FOR BEAUTY,
FOR PROFIT,
FOR HEALTH—
Cleveland Park. Not in hugeness==but in

exhibit excel. Piein or elaborate and in color harmonies to match prevailing decorations, J. H. CORNING "Tile Shop"—520-22 15th st. jy7-10d

Summer Stationery.

Don't let your wife go away without a good supply of summer Stationery. Hard's, Whit-ing's and Crane's make the correct kinds of BOX PAPER and ENVELOPES. We have all their newest shapes and sizes—in rich white and delicate tiets.

Easton & Rupp, 421 11th St. "I never disappoint." We have a "hobby"

peculiarly our own == that of promptness. Let us have your printing orders. Byron S. Adams, "Prompt" Printer, 512 11th st.

Ice Cold Drinks IAS. THARP, 812 F st. n.w.

often bring on summer complaints, and yet one must drink something cold. Keep a little Tharp's Pure "Berkeley" Whisky in the house, and you are safe. \$1.00 a quart.

A SMUGGLER'S TRICK.

This One Brought Over Fine Diamonds, Which He Boldly Displayed. From the Detroit Free Press.

"All this talk-about smuggling recalls some of the things I learned when I was in the service," announced a retired crookatcher the other day. "New ways of leating the government are being devised right along and many of the tricks I diccovered are old now. There used to be more trouble with the diamond smugglers than there appears to be at present. I have found the sparklers in women's back hair, hat ornaments, hollowed shoe heels and sewed up in various articles of wear; in dog collars, in horses' hoofs, in fruits and trunks with false bottoms, in pipes and cigars, in canes, on the necks of carrier pigeons and even buried in men's fiesh after the manner of the Kaffir dia-

But the man who did the slickest business, without ever being suspected, told me about it afterwards. He was a retired detective who had served with great credit Shortly before resigning he claimed to have received a beautiful diamond ring three very large stones from a New Yorker for whom he had been able to say a good deal of money. It was certainly a magnificent ring and the matter was duly exploited in the papers. He professed to be doing a private business that took him across the river frequently, and he would often use the ferry three or four times a day. He always wore the dazzling rir and I looked at it every day for months. Yet that fellow was making big money smuggling diamonds.

"How? Why, he had a paste ring made like the genuine one. He would the paste one over, leave it to be with diamonds, wear them back, have them gram, as follows: replaced with paste and thus carry on the game right before our admiring eyes. We never suspected the rascal."

Tords. The Hatch experiment station of the state college at Amherst has just issued bulletin No. 46, which is on "The Habits, food and economic value of the American toad." The bulletin is the work of A. H. Kirkland, assistant entomologist to the gypsy moth committee. Mr. Kirkland has devoted considerable time to the study of the toad and embodies the results in the remain, bulletin. He finds that insects constitute 77 per cent of the food of a toad. To show the number of worms which a toad de streys, he states that in the stomach of a single toad were found 55 army worms, in another 65 gypsy moth caterpillars, and in a third 37 tent caterpillars. He records an experiment where in three hours' time a toad had consumed between 30 and 35 full grown celery worms. He found by examination of a large number of toads that 87 per cent of the insects it destroys are injurious to cultivated crops, or in other ways obnoxious to man. A toad would devour your in the months of May, June and July the following: 3.312 ants: 2.208 cut worms: the following: 3.312 ants; 2.298 cut worms, 1.840 myrapods; 2.208 sour bugs; 368 weight, and 368 carabids. Of these, 9.936 are injurious insects and 368 are beneficial insects. Mr. Kirkland then figures out the amount in dollars and cents which a toad may be worth. Confining his attention to but one element of the food, the cut worms, and assuming that 10 per cent of these insects would have been killed by the cara-bid beetles it still leaves 1.988 cut worms to the toad's credit; and if the damage the cut worms would have caused which gardeners and tobacco growers will probably consider ridiculously low, it will be seen that a toad might destroy cut worms which would otherwise have des-troyed crops to the extent of \$19.88.

A colored weman named Ellen Brown, fifty years old, died suddenly last night at her home, No. 2603 15th street. As no physician had attended her the case was re

VALUED COLLECTION

Cyrus Field's Private Papers Concerning the Atlantic Cable

DONATED TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

Gift From Mrs. Judson, Daughter of the Famous Electrician.

COPIES OF CABLEGRAMS

ver secured by the National Museum has just arrived at that institution, and is being arranged for exhibition by Prof Gea. C. Maynard, in charge of the electrical colections in the department of technology, inder the direction of Prof. Watkins. The collection was the property of Mrs.

Isabella Field Judson of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and comprises the private papers of her father, Cyrus W. Field, relative to the laying of the Atlantic cable, cablegrams first sent, objects with which he worked out his idea of laying the cable, and many other things of interest pertaining to it. The correspondence and autograph copies of telegrams sent by Mr. Field to the President of the United States and other prominent persons are extremely interesting. There are many letters and draughts of plans invitations, sent and received, in Mr. Fleld's own writing. The copies of the telegrams sent to his wife and father just after the successful laying of the cable, or "Atlantic telegraph," as he termcable, or "Atlantic telegraph," and it, are especially attractive.

The Globe He Used. An object in the collection which is calculated to inspire the greatest amount of interest is the globe, constructed by a London manufacturer, in which the great electrician traced the course for the cable to be laid from Newfoundland to Ireland. The globe is about a foot and a half in diameter, on a stand, with magnetic compass underneath, and shows many signs of hard usage. The mind which studied its details was the one which enabled the peooterals was the one which enabled the pro-ple of two nations, separated from each other by thousands of miles of salt wa-ter, to exchange communications almost in the twinkling of an eye. Though the cable after it was first thought to be put successfully in operation did not act prop erly for the transmission of messages, and a wait of several years, a harassing, souloor suming wait, intervened, the originator of the idea saw the successful culmination

Contents of Collection.

The journal kept by Mr. Field, and notes of deep sea soundings, set down by him and officers of the Great Eastern, by which the cable was laid, are part of the collecbeauty==does our mantel the literature relating to the work of laytion. Mr. Field's private library, with all ing the cable, forms another part of it. There are also copies of medals presented him by Congress and the French government; engraved resolutions passed by members of bodies in this country and Europe. A cane presented, made from the wood of the Great Eastern. Among the relics which cause the visitor to examine closely and attentively are cases contain-ing sections of the first cable, and those

sections of the first cable, and those evolved from it.

Sections of the message transmitted manufactures for the space of ten and fifteen years after the first cable was laid down, and presented to Mr. Field by the manufacchased, presented him by his children on the occasion of his golden wedding, which occurred in December, 1890. On this are inscribed the names of all his children and grandchildren. This is inlaid with parts of the cable, and also the steamer Great East-ern.

A copy of report of the anniversary ban-quet, held in London March 10, 1868, to commemorate the signature of the agree-ment for the establishment of the cable between England and America, is exhibit-ed. The agreement was signed March 10,

Of Especial Value.

The charts, comprising a large number, showing preliminary soundings and movements of the vessels engaged in the work each day, in Mr. Field's own writing, are of especial value. The diaries contain a large amount of interesting matter, showing the many disappointments with which the writer met, and the hundreds of obsta-cles which had to be overcome by him before the final triumph of the child of his genius.

norning of the completion of the work. the first time, were shown to The Star re-porter. They followed within a few minutes of one another, the hour and minute being given on each.

First Message to His Wife. The first was as follows: TRINITY BAY, Newfoundland. "August 5, 1858

Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, No. 84 East 21st street, New York.

"Arrived here yesterday. All well. The Atlantic telegraph cable successfully laid. Please telegraph me here immediately." CYRUS W. FIELD." "TRINITY BAY, Newfoundland, "August 5, 1858, "Messrs, Cyrus W. Field & Co., No. 11

Cliff street, New York.
"Cable successfully laid. Please inform Mrs. Field immediately, and let me know by telegraph if my family are all well and at the office.

CYRUS W. FIELD." 9:50 a.m. The next message was to his father, and

was as follows: "TRINITY BAY, Newfoundland, Rev. Dr. Field, Stockbridge, Mass., via Pittsfield.

Pittsfield.
"Cable successfully laid. All well.
"CYRUS W. FIELD." 9:52 a.m. To President Buchanan.

Mr. Field's next thought was for the President of the United States, James Buchanan, who was sent the next tele-

"U. S. S. NIAGARA, "TRINITY BAY, Newfoundland,

"August 5, 1858.
"To the President of the United States, Washington, D. C.
"Dear Sir: The Atlantic telegraph cable
a board of the U.S.S.F. Niagara and H.M. steamer Agamemnon was joined in mid-ocean Thursday, July 27, and has been successfully laid.

'As soon as the two ends are connected with the land lines Queen Victoria will send a message to you and the cable will be kept free until after your reply has been transmitted. With great respect I

in.
"Your obedient servant,
"St a.m. CYRUS W. FIELD." "10:35 a.m. Greetings to the People. more extended message, intended for the people of the United States, was trans-

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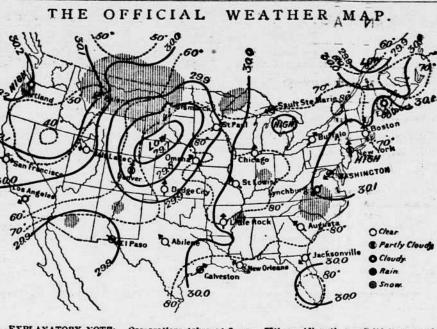
Infants and Children. SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 Murray st., N. Y.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are iso bars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of

POSSIBLY THUNDER STORMS.

Continued High Temperature Indicated for Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday: For the Disrict of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, possibly thunder storms this evening, fair Friday; continued high temperature; northeasterly winds, shifting to

Weather conditions and general forecast: The pressure is high off the middle Atlantic and north Pacific coasts. A storm of considerable intensity has de-

eloped over South Dakota. Showers have occurred on the Atlantic coast and in the upper Mississippi and Miscuri valleys. The temperature has remained stationary in all districts.

Showers may be expected on the middle and south Atlantic coast this evening, and gererally fair Fr.day.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported: During the past twenty-four hours: Moorhead, 1.74; Port Arthur, 1.42; Gainesville, Ga., 1.86.

Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 7:54 a.m. and 8:21 p.m.; high tide, 1:31 a.m. and 2:02 p.m. Tomorrcw—Low tide, 9:00 a.m. and 9:26 o.m.; high tide, 2:20 a.m. and 3:06 p.m. The Sun and Moon.

Today-Sun rises, 4:42; sun sets, 7:27. Moon sets, 11:58 p.m. Tomorrow-Sun rises, 4:43.

The City Lights. Gas lamps all lighted by 8:36 p.m.; extin-

mitted fifteen minutes later, and was as

follows:

"U.S.S. Niagara,

"TRINITY BAY, Newfoundland.

"August 5, 1858.

"To the Associated Press, New York:

"The Atlantic telegraph fleet sailed from Queenstown, Ireland, Saturday, July 17, met in mid-ocean Wednesday, the 28th, made the splice at 1 p.m. Thursday, the 29th, and separated—the Agamemnon and Valorous bound to Valencia, Ireland, the Niagara and Gorgon for this place, where they arrived yesterday, and this morning the end of the cables will be landed.

"It is 1,636 nautical, or 1,950 statute, miles from the telegraph house at the head of

from the telegraph house at the head of Valencia harbor to the telegraph house at the Bay of Bulls, Trinity Bay, and for more

the Bay of Buils, It is distance the water is over two miles in depth.

"The cable has been payed out from the Agamemnor at about the same speed as from the Niagara.

"The electrical signals sent and received the speed to the same speed to the sa through the whole cable are perfect, the machinery for paying out the cable worked in the most satisfactory manner and wa not stopped for a single moment from the time the splice was made until we arrived

"Capt. Hudson, Messrs. Everett, Woodhouse, the engineers, the electricians, offi-cers of the ships, and, in fact, every man himself to the utmost to make the expedi-tion successful, and by the blessing of Divine Providence it has succeeded. "After the end of the cable is landed and and the Niagara has discharged some cargo

belonging to the telegraph company she will go to St. John's for coal and then proceed at once to New York. "CYRUS W. FIELD."

The Chirography Excellent. The messages were written on blue liner paper, in a firm hand of almost copperplate chirography.

As is well known to those who bave read of the operations of laying the cable, it worked successfully for a short time and then, for some reason, was an almost total failure. The originator worked faithfully for nearly eight years after Queen Victoria and President Buchanan had exchanged congratulations across the water before it was again put in successful operation. It was on the morning of July 27, 1866, that other messages were sent, detailing the fact that this was the case. As on the first occasion the first message was trans-mitted to his wife, and was as follows: "HEART'S CONTENT,

"Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, "July 27, 1866. "Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, Newburgh, N. Y. "Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, Newburgh, N. 1... We arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning; all well. Thank God the cable has been successfully laid and is in perfect working order. I am sure that no one will be as thankful to God as you and our dear children, for now we shall be together a united family. We leave in about a week to reover the cable of last year. Please telegraph at once and write in full and I shall receive your letters on my return here on the 15th. I received through the cable from Valencia your message from Newport and Gracie's telegram from Newburgh, and on the 22d your telegraphic disparch of CYRUS W. FIELD. the 10th.

His Father's Prayers.

The second telegram, a few minutes afterward, was to his father, in which he said: "Your prayers have been answered. The telegraph cable has been successfully laid across the Atlantic." The next was as follows:

"HEART'S CONTENT. Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, July 27, 1866. His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, Washington: "Dear Sir: The Atlantic telegraph was successfully completed this morning. I land and the United States, and increase intercourse between our own country and the eastern hemisphere,

"Yours, faithfully, "CYRUS W. FIELD." Material for a Book.

In the collection of letters is enough interesting material to cover a book of the mest attractive reading. The donation of the whole was secured by Prof. Watkins from Mrs. Judson, on a recent visit to her

in Dobbs Ferry.
Prof. Maynard is preparing another colection. It is that of the early dynamos and motors, to embrace first designs by Edison, Elihu Thomson, Brush, Wallace and other pioneer inventors in electrical lighting and power inventions. Some of these were shown at the Philadelphia centennial. The designs of Prof. Joseph Henry, first secreof the Smithsonian, who was an electrical worker, are being made into one col-

The revenue of nations, raised mostly by taxation, has trebled since 1850, increased over five times since 1810 and forty-five times since 1680.

French paupers are provided for by the funds arising from a 10 per cent tax on theater tickets. This tax averages 10,000,-000 francs a year.

In Sumner county, Kansas, which gave a load of wheat for the India famine sufferers, a man died of starvation before the wheat reached the Indians.

Between 1878 and 1881, in a single Roman village district, 797 heads of families in a population of 1,200 families were flogged for not paying their taxes.

guishing begun at 3:51 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Are lamps lighted at 8:21 p.m.; extinguished at 4:06 a.m. Temperatures for Twenty-Four Hour

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau during the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon:

July 7—4 p.m., 68; 8 p.m., 75; midnight, 72. July 8—4 a.m., 72; 8 a m., 76; 12 m., 82, and 2 p.m., 84.

Maximum, 87, at 3 p.m., July 7; minimum, 68, at 4 p.m., July 7.

Temperature and condition of water at Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, \$7; condition, 36; receiving reservoir, temperature, \$6; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reservoir, temperature, \$5; condition at influent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36; Water at Harper's Ferry.

Condition of the Water.

At the request of members of the Woodmont and Blue Ridge Rod and Gun clubs Mr. S. B. Hege, passenger agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has arranged to secure from the agents of the road at some of the up-river stations the condition of the water each morning. This has been done in order that anglers who wish to try their luck over fishing grounds further away than Great Falls may be posted before starting as to the condition of the

These reports as received each day will these reports as received each day will be published in The Star. A report re-ceived from the agent at Harper's Ferry this morning says: "The water in the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers at Har-per's Ferry is clear today."

BEAUTIFYING PUBLIC BUILDINGS. A Tropical Growth Being Cultivated in the Pension Office. An effort is being made by a number of

officials of the pension office to secure a luxuriant tropical growth, about the fountain which sprinkles a fine jet of water in the center of the pension office building. Some time ago some rare pineapple plants were sent to Washington from Florida and given a place about the basin of the fountain. Lately Superintendent Saunders of the Department of Agriculture added to this collection several handsome specimens of philodendrons, pandadus and other handsome tropical plants. The superintendent of the botanical gardens has also promised a contribution to this collection, and friends of officials living in Florida will shortly forward. ward a number of plants for the same pur-

Among these plants will be specimens of the pincapple about to flower, so that if the experiment of raising them in the court of the pension office building is successful the plant bearing the pineapple can be seen by the clerks there from the time it flowers until the fruit has ripened. From Florida will also come several orange trees.

Before the summer is over it is expected that the space about the fountain will be given a beautiful tropical appearance, and believed that the temperature and conditions to be found there will be of a character to permit of a handsome development of all these rare plants be of a character to permit of a handsome development of all these rare plants throughout the year. Chief Clerk Bayly, Col. Hancock, chief of the stationery division, and Superintendent Barnes are all leading in this movement to beautify the court of the pension office building. Since this movement was begun it has been suggested that the conditions of temperature. See, in nearly all the government

suggested that the conditions of tempera-ture, &c.. in nearly all the government buildings in this city are such as to en-courage a healthy growth of tropical plants. But little care would be required on the part of messengers or others to keep them in good condition. Their propagation at the Department of Agriculture or in the bo-tanical gardens is a matter of comparative. tanical gardens is a matter of comparative ly no expense to the government, and i ly no expense to the government, and if the desire to ornament public buildings generally with such plants becomes widespread there is no reason why these buildings should not present a very pleasing appearance in the future.

TWO SETS OF BACKERS.

Clerks Who Have "Influence" in Both Political Parties. If any government official wishes to

make the acquaintance of every senator and representative in Congress all he has to do is to order a number of reductions and a few dismissals in his force. He will have his offices crowded the day after his action is known. This has been the experience of every head of a department or bureau since the 4th of March whenever they have promulgated changes in their office force. It appears that there is almest no man or woman holding a govern-ment position in this city who cannot at a moment of need marshal several senators and a score of representatives and bring them to the head of the department in which they are employed, with earnest protests against any action which might

Many government employes have two entirely distinct and separate sets of senators and representatives. One set is democratic and another is republican, so it is declared by some officials, and the one trey use depends upon the politics of the administration in power. In a number of the departments all recommends ber of the departments all recommenda-tions that have been placed on lile in the interest of employes are preserved from administration to administration, and it change, chameleon-like, from a republican tint to a democratic hus, and it is also declared by men having charge of such papers that at the close of an administration or the beginning of a new one, when there is a change of politics, desperate efforts are frequently made by employes of the government to destroy their old papers, the usefulness of which has ceas-ed, so that they might begin under their new chiefs with an accumulation of pa-pers of recommendation from men who are in favor with the powers that be.

There are two business men in an English town named I. Came and H. E. Went. Bee men in Minnesota say the army worm is destroying the prospect for bass wood honey.

Capt. Mahan has decided to prepare volume on sea-power, for use in schools and colleges. ten u. Professional window cleaners in New York wash them with alcohol and whiting, using no soap.

A New York millionaire has recently imported a Russian drosky and several Jap anese jinrickshas. Bulgaria is thinking of substituting the reformed Gregorian calendar for the Rus-

sian orthodox one. It is stated in a fashionable journal that 1,000,000 bonnets were sold in London during one week recently. Victoria reigns over one continent, peninsulas, 500 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 2,000 rivers and 10,000 islands.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,-000 fans as a single item of cargo. Ferdinand Rodlin completed Monday the seventieth year of his employment in the Hamilton mills at Lowell, Mass.

ON THE OTHER SIDE

Civil Service Rules in the Printing Office Defended.

DECLARED TO BE BENEFICIAL

Assistant Foreman Oyster Speaks of Many Years' Experience.

EXAMINATIONS PRACTICAL

The Senate committee on civil service and retrenchment resumed its hearings this morning in the Maltby building. Mr. Oscar J. Ricketts, private secretary to the present public printer, was the first witness examined. He said he desired to refer to the charges of Samuel P. Donovan at a previous meeting, that he had been unfairly dismissed, and had not been reinstated, as he should have been. Mr. Ricketts said Mr. Donovan was appointed a temporary compositor last May from a list certified by the civil service commission. Mr. Donovan's name was fifth on a list of seventy-three others. When he reached this name he looked in the record to see if Mr. Donovan had been employed in the bureau previously. He found that Mr. Donovan had been employed for twenty days. During nine days' time he had set 20,000 type, which at piece rates would have amounted to \$12.45. This did not include amounted to \$12.45. This did not include the blank allowance, which would probably have increased the earnings one-fourth. For this, however, he had received \$28.80 wages. Mr. Ricketts concluded from this record that Mr. Donovan was not an expert printer, and he rejected the name. Mr. Ricketts said he rejected him solely on the ground of his previous record in the office. He had told Mr. Donovan that there

the ground of his previous record in the office. He had told Mr. Donovan that there could be no other reason, because he did not know anything of him.

"Then, as I understand it," asked Senator Pritchard, "influence is not necessary to secure appointment in the government printing office?"

"Absolutely unnecessary," replied Mr. Ricketts; "and, besides, an attempt to exert influence would be illegal."

Mr. Ricketts was closely questioned by Senator Chilton as to the method of selecting one name from the three names certified upon each communication from the civil service commission. the civil service commission

the civil service commission.
"How does it happen that in one case here," said Senator Chilton, "you selected Mr. Ruggles, who, it appears, held the lowest grade of the three names mentioned in the certificate, and that you passed over Mr. Abbey, who held higher rank?"

Guided by the Record. Mr. Ricketts replied that he had chosen Ruggles because reference to his record convinced him that he was probably a better printer than the other. Ruggles was

temporarily employed in the office. "Had you made any inquiry about him?" "None at all."
"Did you consult any senator or representative about him?"
"I did not."
"Did you know Ruggles' politics?"
"Did you know Ruggles' politics?"

"I have heard since what his politics

"Did you consult any senator or repre-sentative about any of the men you selected?"
"I did not." Senator Chilton went through the list of selections made upon the occasion men-tioned and asked Mr. Ricketts to explain in each case why the man was selected. Out of the fifty-two names chosen thirty-six were those of men who had been previously employed in the office and whose records were on file. His action upon the others

was based on the showing made in their examination papers.
"Did you make these selections by your-self," asked Senator Chilton, "or did you consult Public Printer Palmer?"
Mr. Ricketts said that in the case of men whose office records were low he consulted the public printer.

"Are you sure you did not consult him about all of them?"

that several worthless checks for small amounts have been passed on merchants this week. It is stated that but one man passed them, and the police expect to appraisant him. Mr. Ricketts said he had not consulted him with respect to everything about them.
"Now, of the seven names you rejected, city, and caused several wash-outs on the roads west of Georgetown. Three such wash-outs were reported by the police to-day, and eighteen trees were said to have

did you know any one?"
"I did not."
"Did you know their politics?" This was also answered in the negative. Then Senator Chilton asked Mr. Ricketts to look over the list of the thirty-six men selected and identify those whom he knew. He recognized three names of men whom he knew personally. One of them was a republican and two were democrats. Of the men whom he did not know there was

none with whose politics he was acquaintstreets northeast is broken. "Then, I understand you to state positively that there has never been any com-munication, written or verbally, alout the politics of these men whom you selected?" of fire was sounded from box 58; for fire in the residence of John F. Healy, in Southasked Senator Chilton.

Not Influenced by Politics. "I will state positively," replied Mr.

Ricketts, "that in making these selections politics did not enter into the choice." "That was not my question, if you will excuse me," said Senator Chilton, and then he repeated it.
"There may have been communications to the public printer," replied Mr. Ricketts, "but I had no knowledge of anything of

Mr. Robert B. Hastie of the government printing office and a member of the exam-ining board in that office was then called He said it had been more than a year an a half since he had been called upon to prepare examinations.

"Do you think the examinations are of

"Do you think the examinations are of such a quality as to bring out the qualifications of applicants?" asked Mr. Procter. "I do," replied Mr. Hastie.
"Would a rigid application of civil service rules improve the service in the government printing office?" asked Mr. Procter.
"It would," Mr. Hastie said.

Benefit of Civil Service Rules.

Mr. E. W. Oyster then testified. He is the assistant foreman in charge of the specification division of the government printing office. He said he had been employed in the government printing office at intervals for fifteen or sixteen years. He said the old system of conducting the office was defective. It increased the cost of do ing the the public work by permitting the discharge of good men for political reasons and the employment of men not so capable. He said the object of establishing the gov-ernment printing office was to obtain a place where public work could be conduct-He said the object of establishing th ed upon a business basis, and free from

the influence of the spoilsman.

He said his experience had demonstrated to him that the civil service law had re sulted beneficially in the government print-ing office, and it would be a calamity to the public service to remove the application of civil service rule to the office, unless a system could be devised that would relieve the public printer from all political influence. He said the examinations ought to be as practical as they could be made. Mr. Oyster referred to the testimony of Mr. Donovan, given at a previous meeting, and said Mr. Donovan was dropped because he had not shown sufficient indications of improvement in his work. He said the work was not intricate, as claimed by Mr. Donovan.

Mr. Oyster said Public Printer Benedict had made discharges for political reasons in his last term of office. Other discharges were made after September, 1894, for rea sons not political, and thirty-three of these vacancies were filled through the civil service commission. The work of these appointees showed an increase of 54 per cent over the record of those who had been dis-

missed.

Mr. Oyster submitted some statistics which he had prepared, by which he estimated that since 1861 the government printing office had occasioned a loss of \$8,450,600 by not being conducted on business principles. Up to a short time ago the government had never availed itself of the discount in the purchase of materials, which was given to private firms, amounting from 10 to 30 per cent.

The committee adjourned until next Tuesday, when Mr. Oyster will continue his testimony.

In a recent graduating class at a St. Louis college there were four girls whose mothers graduated from the same school. While digging up a tree at Monterey, Mexico, Pettronilo Hernandez found three jars full of gold and silver coin—\$20,000 in all.

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CONDENSED LOCALS

John Watson and Ernest Washington,

small colored boys, thought of the song, "Standin' on the Corner," when they were seated on a curbstone last night, waiting to

see a friend, who lived in a house not far away. But a policeman evidently thought differently, for he arrested them and locked them up. This morning they were told to keep away from that particular corner be-cause of complaint, and were released.

There was a little fire and a big excite-

ment in Navy place southeast about 9 o'clock this morning, and hundreds of people followed the engines to the scene of

the alleged conflagration. A gasoline stove had expleded in a second-story room of house No. 756, but the flames were soon ex-

tinguished after the firemen reached the

When Detective Boardman returned from

across the river, two days ago, after a long bicycle ride in pursuit of a thief, he looked as if he had taken a mud bath. Be-

cause of the warm weather he had perspired freely, and at a certain point on the way he was crowded to one side of the road, so that he had either to fall in the deep dirt or go over an embankment, and he chose the former alternative.

Complaints have been made to the police

Yesterday's storm did some little damage

trees in the northwest section of the

Allen Brown, colored, living at No. 1307

A street southeast, was taken sick on the street about 6 o'clock yesterday. He was near 5th and E streets southeast at the time, and the police took him home in the

The pump near the corner of 5th and D

This morning about 7 o'clock an alarm

There was a fire in the harness room

over Burgdorf's livery stable, on 8th street.

last night about 10 o'clock. A lighted can-cle left in the room caused the fire, which

resulted in damage to the amount of about

The police have complained of a broken

pavement in front of 619 3d street north-

west, and another near South Capitol and

Policemen Peck and Schneider found the

door of A. N. Hazen's stable open last night. Nothing was missing.

Lieut. Teeple has reported a dangerous

hole in the concrete pavement near 8th and L streets northwest.

Oldest American Bell.

In the Nashville exposition building which

is used jointly for the displays made by

Mexico, Chile, and Nev Mexico, in the

space allotted to the latter territory there

hangs a bell, battered, cracked, and rust-

ed with age-a bell which certainly, if it

could speak in language that we could

understand, would tell an interesting tale.

It was cast in the year 1549, and is un-

doubtedly the oldest bell on the American

continent, its age being, as will be seen

348 years. Its birthplace was the town

or city of Grande Quivera, N. M., the re-

mains of this city, which was flourishing before Santa Fe had an existence, betoken-

ing a population of 20,000 people. The Spanish priest Father Guerra superintend-ed the casting of the bell, the metal in

ed the casting of the bell, the metal in it being taken from the Ritade Cobre mines, and to this native metal were added gold and silver coins and jewelry, contributed by the devout people of the city and neighborhood. Here the bell hung and swung and called the faithful to prayers for 131 years. But in 1680 the dread Apaches, the hereditary enemies of the Pueblo or town Indians destroyed the city and burned down the church. The bell lay covered up in the ruins for 168

bell lay covered up in the ruins for 103 years, and was then dug out and taken to Socorro, where it was placed in the belfry of the Church of San Miguel. This church

was also destroyed by the Indians in 1896; but the town was soon rebuilt by a colony from Belen; the bell was once more dug

from the ruins and rehung in the repaire church, which stands to this day.

Many Inducements to Wed.

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